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Lewis Rogers Named Superintendent of Petersburg National Battlefield

Philadelphia—National Park Service Northeast Regional Director Dennis R. Reidenbach has named Lewis Rogers superintendent of Petersburg National Battlefield. Rogers, who is currently chief ranger for Valley Forge National Historical Park in Pennsylvania, will assume his duties in May. Rogers replaces former superintendent Bob Kirby, who was recently named superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site in Pennsylvania.

“Lewis Rogers has experience in many aspects of park operations,” said Reidenbach, “including service as an interim superintendent. He’s the right individual to lead an important park as the entire National Park Service looks ahead to the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.”

Rogers began his National Park Service career in 1984 as a seasonal interpretive park ranger at Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site and Johnstown Flood National Memorial in Pennsylvania. He became a permanent employee at those sites the following year, serving as a park ranger and later as a resource management/visitor protection specialist.

In 1990, he moved to Blue Ridge Parkway, Virginia unit. While there he served as a law enforcement ranger with the added duties of supervising both law enforcement and interpretive seasonal ranger. He was also responsible for a “living history” Appalachian farm and seasonal visitor contact station.

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Rogers became chief ranger of Booker T. Washington National Memorial in Hardy, Virginia, in 1992, where, as the chief of interpretation he was responsible for the interpretation, visitor protection, resource management, fire management and fee collection programs. In 1994 he became a supervisory park ranger (law enforcement) at Independence National Historical Park, Philadelphia. He moved to Valley Forge National Historical Park in 1997, first as a supervisory park ranger, and later as chief, ranger activities where he managed both law enforcement and interpretation. In 2009, he served as interim superintendent for Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish, New Hampshire.

Rogers holds a Bachelors Degree in Parks and Recreation with a concentration in Resource Management from Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania. He is also a graduate of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Glynco, Georgia with training in Law Enforcement for Land Management Agencies and the Criminal Investigator Training Program.

Rogers and wife Ajena, currently an interpretive park ranger at Valley Forge National Historical Park, will relocate to the Petersburg area with their daughter Kaylen, 7. Their son, Joseph, is currently serving in the United States Navy.

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